Designated Acquisition Commander (DAC) Approval Levels

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Overview

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Definitions

- **ACAT - Acquisition Category** - Are the categories used to determine the Milestone Decision Authority for an acquisition program based on its location in the acquisition process, dollar value and complexity (Section 4.8 of DoDI 5000.2)
- **BOCO** – Buying Office Contracting Official (WR-ALC Contracting Division Chief/Deputy)
- **COCO** – Chief of Contracting Office (WR-ALC Contracting Division Chief/Deputy)

Definitions - Continued

- **CRA** – Clearance Reviewing Authority
- **CAA** – Clearance Approving Authority
- **DAC** – Designated Acquisition Commander Means in AFMC, the individual who supervises execution of programs not assigned to a Program Executive Officer (PEO)
- **HCA** – Head of the Contracting Activity (Established in AFFARS 5301.601(a)(i))

Definitions - Continued

- **Other Contracting** – Efforts to support acquisition programs, maintain and repair fielded weapon systems and support Air Force operations.
- **PD –** Product Director
- **PEO** – Program Executive Officer means the individual who has primary responsibility for directing assigned major/non-major system acquisition programs and major services acquisition programs

Definitions - Continued

- **SAMP –** Single Acquisition Management Plan
- **SCCO** – Senior Center Contracting Official is the individual serving in the position of Director of Contracting (WR-ALC/PK)
- **SSA –** Source Selection Authority is the individual designated to make the source selection decision

Acquisition Plan or SAMP Approval

- PD approves ACAT II & III and non-ACAT <$100M
- DAC approves ACAT II & III and non-ACAT ≥ $100M

  (Delegable to PD, Case-by-Case)

Acquisition Strategy Panel Chair

- PD/PK Co-Chair <$100M
- DAC Chairs ≥$100M
  (Delegable to PD, Case-by-Case)

ASP Waiver

- ASP Chair with Coordination of PK Division Chief <$50M or PK >$50M

Award Fee Contracts – Appointment of Fee Determining Official

- <$100M – PD, Redelegable to one level below PD **(but no lower than a Lt Col/GS-14)**

- ≥$100M – DAC, Delegable Case-by-Case, **(but no lower than a Lt Col/GS-14)**

Source Selection Authority (SSA) for Median & Agency Source Selections

- >$10M <$100M – PD, Redelegable to one Level Below PD **(but no lower than a Lt Col/GS-14)**

- ≥$100M – DAC, Delegable Case-by-Case, **(but no lower than a Lt Col/GS-14)**

Competitive RFP Release Authority (Sole Source do not Require Review)

- >$5M <$50M – PK Division Chief Reviews/SSA Approves
- ≥$50M PK Reviews/SSA Approves

Authority to Award Competitive Contract or Open Discussions

- >$5M <$50M – PK Division Chief Reviews/SSA Approves
- ≥$50M – PK Reviews/SSA Approves

Authority to Award Sole Source Contracts

- >$5M <$50M – PK Division Chief Reviews/PD Approves

- ≥$50M – PK Reviews/PD Approves

Undefinitized Contractual Actions
(Letter Contracts)

- <$100M – PD
- ≥$100M - DAC

Ratifications

- <$2500 – PK Division Chief
- >$2500 <$25K – PK
- ≥$25K - DAC

FAR Deviations

- PK – One-Time FAR Deviations
- DAC – Class Deviations

NOTES

Product Director (PD) approvals require review as follows:

<$50M PK Division Chief Review

≥$50M PK Review

Legal Review

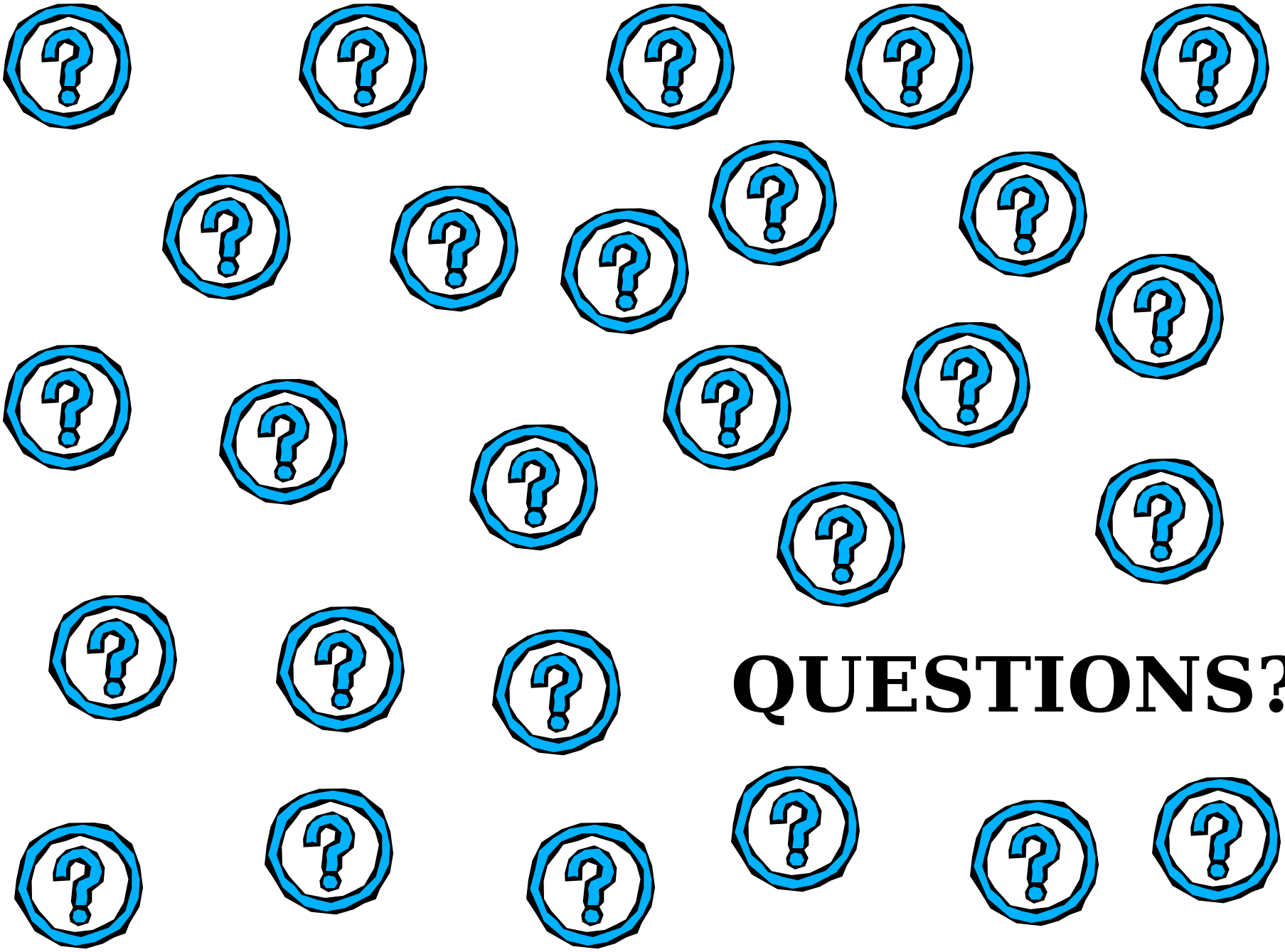
- >$500K – For all contracting actions except pre-negotiated Delivery Orders <$5M with no change in terms and conditions – (Must have legal review on basic contract and first order >$500K)

Justifications & Approvals (J&As)

- $100K - $500K - Contracting Officer (CO)
- $500K - $10M – Competition Advocate
- $10M - $50M – DAC/PEO/CC
- Over $50M – ASAF(A)

Tools

- Air Force Systems Information Library
  - https://pml/wpafb.af.mil/
  - Portfolios, Systems, People
  - Access ALC DACs, etc.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